United States District Court
Southern District of New York
United Specialty Insurance Company
Plaintiff(s)

v.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:18-cv-0848-JPO Affidavit in Lieu of Deposition

Table Run Estates Inc et al Defendant(s)

I, Brian Thomas, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

- I have no current knowledge of this case.
- I have no recollection of Defendants in this case.
- I maintain no documents related to this case.
- I was given no documents related to this case.
- On or around March 2018, I was diagnosed with a chronic illness (e.g. heart-related) and suffered a massive heart-related event that resulted in me being close to death.
- I have yet to recover from this illness.
- I have typed this Affidavit from my hospice-like sick bed.
- I no longer practice law as of October 2017 and went through all the required 1st Department procedures.
- I was required to stop practicing by the Appellate Division First Department in October 2017.
- Pursuant to the Appellate Division First Department decision in October 2017 any attorney-client relationship between me and Defendants in the referenced would have been automatically terminated. (e.g. a former attorney cannot maintain clients.)
- It is my personal lay opinion, that if a default judgment was entered, the only equitable remedy would be a trial de novo on the merits for Defendants in the refenced matter, given these extraordinary circumstances.
- In light of my health status, participating in any deposition would constitute a great hardship on my health.
- I know nothing beyond that which I have disclosed in this affidavit.

VERIFICATION

I have read the foregoing **Affidavit in Lieu of Deposition** and know the contents thereof. The same is true to my knowledge, except as to matters therein stated to be alleged on information and belief and as to those matters, I believe them to be true.

X

Brian Thomas

Sworn to before me this

26th day of February, 20

Notary Public

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